

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 10, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—
House Bill No. 85:

A bill to be entitled an act regulating assignments for benefit of creditors,

And respectfully ask the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Also the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
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HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Substitute for Senate Bill No. 4:

To be entitled an act to establish a Bureau of Agriculture in the State of Florida, and to define the powers and duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Very respectfully,

B. R. MILAM,

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 127:

An act fixing the time for holding the Circuit Court in the counties of Hamilton, Suwannee, Columbia and Lafayette, in the Third Judicial Circuit,

Was read the first time by its title and was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

House Bill No. 120:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act relating to proceedings before Justices of the Peace and judgments of Justices' courts,

Was read first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill No. 174:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Florida, approved February 10, 1838; approved February 1, 1881,

Was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

House Bill No. 85:

An act regulating assignments for benefit of creditors,

Was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Pirrong moved that Senate Resolution No. 23, with message from the Governor regarding it, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Which was unanimously agreed to, and

Senate Resolution No. 23 was so referred.

Senate Bill No. 96:

To be entitled an act to amend section 1, chapter 3253 of the Laws of Florida, relating to the fees of notaries public;

Also,

Substitute for Senate Bill No. 4:

To be entitled an act to establish a Bureau of Agriculture in the State of Florida, and to define the powers and duties of the Commissioner of Agriculture,

Were ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. King moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning;

Which was agreed to.

The Senate stood so adjourned.

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SATURDAY, MAY 11, 1889.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Bielby, Crosby, Dunn, Houston,

Jenkins, King, Parkhill, Pirrong, Rosborough, Swearingen and Yancey—12.

No quorum present.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was sent out to bring in absentees.

The roll was again called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Bielby, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Dunn, Hind, Houstoun, Jenkins, Kirk, King, Parkhill, Pirrong, Rosborough, Swearingen, Tuten, Wilkinson and Yancey—18.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

On motion of Mr. Rosborough, Mr. Pirrong was added to the Committee on Public Lands.

H. J. Brett, a page of the Senate, was excused for the day.

Mr. Bielby introduced the following resolution, which was read:

Be it resolved by the Senate, That the committee appointed by the Senate at its extra session to investigate the East Coast Canal and Transportation Company shall, as a part of its expenses, be entitled to a per diem of six dollars per day, and the Sergeant-at-Arms is ordered to enter such per diem as part of the expenses of each committee man.

Mr. Bielby moved that the rules be waived and that the resolution be taken up for consideration;

Which was agreed to by a two third vote.

Mr. Bielby moved that the resolution be adopted;

Which was agreed to and the resolution was adopted.

The hour having arrived for the special consideration of—

Senate Bill No. 151:

To be entitled an act for the incorporation of banking associations, and to prescribe their general powers and liabilities, Was passed over informally.

Mr. Wall presented a petition from the Florida Fruit Exchange;

THE FLORIDA FRUIT EXCHANGE, }
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 8, 1889. }

To the Honorable Senators and Representatives of the State of Florida:

GENTLEMEN: At the annual meeting of the members of the Florida Fruit Exchange, now in session in the city of Jacksonville, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Chairman of this meeting be authorized to appoint a committee of four, with power to draft resolutions to the State Legislature now in session, requesting that they retain the State Railroad Commission, and to empower them to bring suit before the Interstate Railroad Commission for all claims, and that the amendments recommended by the State Railroad Commission be enacted.

The undersigned, members of the Committee appointed by the Chairman of said meeting, representing the Florida Fruit Exchange, and in turn the interests of the fruit growers of our State, respectfully petition the members of your honorable bodies to give the above resolution your earnest support, and as far as possible, in your official capacity, aid the State Railroad Commissioners in their efforts to protect the fruit growers of Florida.

JAMES A. HARRIS,
T. W. MOORE,
CHARLES V. HILLYER,
B. M. BAER.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Dunn, the petition was ordered to be spread upon the Journal.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Coulter:

Senate Bill No. 186:

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Suwannee and Gulf Railroad Company, approved June 2, 1887.

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Railroads and Telegraphs.

By Mr. Parkhill:

Senate Bill No. 187:

To be entitled an act to amend the eighth section of an act to repeal an act entitled an act to provide for the creation of corporations and to prescribe their general powers and liabilities and to reenact and amend the sections repealed by said act, approved March 11, 1879;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Yancey:

Senate Bill No. 188:

To be entitled an act to include part of township 20, in range 27, in Lake county;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on City and County Organization.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Yancey, Chairman of Committee on City and County Organization, submitted the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 11, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: Your Committee on City and County Organization, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 98 :

To be entitled an act to incorporate the city of St. Andrews,

Beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend it do pass, with the following amendment:

At the end of section 11, add the following words, viz :

Provided, further, That whenever any of said bonds are sold it shall be the duty of the Mayor and Council of said City of St. Andrews to levy annually upon the taxable property within the limits of the corporation of said city, a sum sufficient to meet the amount required as a sinking fund to liquidate and retire said bonds as they may mature, which sinking fund shall be provided for by ordinance of City Council of said city ;

Also,

House Bill No. 220 :

To be entitled an act to change the time of holding municipal elections in the incorporated town of Leesburg, Lake county, Florida,

Beg leave to report that after examining the same they recommend that it do pass ;

Also,

Senate Bill No. 110 :

To be entitled an act to provide the method by which counties may issue bonds for public improvements, and to authorize the issue of said bonds,

Beg leave to state that your committee gave this bill its careful consideration, and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

D. H. YANCEY,

Chairman Committee.

Mr. Latham, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 11, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, have examined—

An act entitled an act to provide for the appointment of Recorders in and for provisional municipalities, and to define their jurisdiction and powers ;

Also,

An act to establish a Criminal Court of Record in the county of Lake,

And beg leave to report them correctly enrolled.

Very Respectfully,

J. F. LATHAM,

Chairman Committee.

Mr. Coulter, a member of the Committee on Temperance, submitted the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 11, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR: Your Committee on Temperance, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 70 :

A bill to repeal an act entitled an act to regulate the sale of liquor, wine and beer in the State of Florida by the Boards of County Commissioners of the several counties,

Having made a report recommending that the bill do pass,
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I beg leave to dissent from the report of the majority of the committee and present this as a minority report, together with any reasons therefor, as follows:

Senate Bill No. 70 seeks to repeal the law requiring petitions from a majority of the registered voters in any election district before anyone can obtain license to retail liquor, wine or beer, or in other words it prohibits bar rooms in said district, except upon the consent and by the will of the residents of the immediate locality. Now, as there are many counties where no election has ever been held under the provisions of article 19 of the Constitution of our State, and where probably no such election will be held, the repeal of the law requiring such petitions will, in such counties, open the way for any and all persons so desiring to engage in the business of selling whiskey, probably, greatly against the wishes of those most affected by it, and fully recognizing the many and great evils of the liquor traffic, and the immense damage which is done, especially to the youth of our country, by the promiscuous running of bar rooms, and also the right of all good and respectable citizens to have a voice in regulating their own local affairs, I can not give my consent to the repeal of a law which holds in check and which is nearly the only check on one of the greatest curses of the country; and I therefore recommend that Senate Bill No. 70 do not pass.

Very respectfully,

W. R. COULTER,
of the Committee.

The President announced that he was about to sign the following bill:

Senate Bill No 165:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a Criminal Court of Record in the county of Lake;

Which was signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 92:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for appointment of Recorders in and for provisional municipalities, and to define their jurisdiction and powers,

Was presented for signature.

Mr. Parkhill moved that a committee of two be appointed to ask permission of the House of Representatives to amend Senate Bill No. 92;

Which was agreed to,

And Messrs. Parkhill and Bryant were appointed said committee.

Senate Bill No. 151:

To be entitled an act for the incorporation of banking associations, and to prescribe their general powers and liabilities, Which had been passed over informally,

Was called from the calendar and was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of Senate Bill No. 151,
The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bielby, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Dunn, Hind, Houstoun, Jenkins, Kirk, King, Pirrong, Rosborough, Swearingen, Tuten, Wilkinson and Yancey—17.

Nays—None.

So Senate Bill No. 151 passed, title as stated.
Messrs. Smith and Dismukes were excused from attendance for the day.

Mr. Bryant moved that the Senate go into Executive Session;

Which was agreed to,
And the Senate went into Executive Session.
The doors were closed.
The doors were opened.

The Special Committee appointed to wait upon the House of Representatives submitted the following report:

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 11, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Special Committee appointed to wait upon the House to ask consent to reconsider Senate Bill No. 92, which had been signed by the Speaker, has performed that duty, and the House has reconsidered the Speaker's signing Senate Bill 92, and the bill is now in the hands of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Very respectfully,

J. W. BRYANT,
C. B. PARKHILL,
Committee.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.
Mr. Bielby moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock Monday morning;
Which was agreed to,
The Senate stood so adjourned.